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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN RUPEES FOR AFGHANISTAN

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1. AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PAK RUPEES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OFFSET TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING CHARGES THROUGH PAKISTAN FOR FERTILIZER PROCURED UNDER AID LOAN AND OIL TO BE MADE AVAILABLE UNDER PL 480 TITLE I, PER REFS (A) AND (C).

2. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED FOR PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINING FERTILIZER UNDER THE LOAN,
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AND APPROVAL HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND DOCUMENTATION IS IN

PROCESS TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPPING 4,000 METRIC TONS OF OIL. A TOTAL OF 8.6 MILLION PAK RUPEES (6.6 MILLION FOR FERTILIZER AND 2.0 FOR OIL) IS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENTS THROUGH PAKISTAN. OF THIS AMOUNT 3.8 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY GOP FOR USE ON BEHALF OF AFGHANISTAN, LEAVING A BALANCE OF 4.8 MILLION REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH GOP PRIOR TO REQUESTING ALLOCATION FROM OMB.

3. WHILE WE ARE AWARE OF EMBASSY/ISLAMABAD'S CONCERN AT APPROACHING GOP FOR USE OF ADDITIONAL PAKISTAN RUPEES FOR AFGHANISTAN, REF (B), RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY AND ON BALANCE WE FEEL IT NECESSARY TO RISK FLAGGING RUPEE PROBLEM. REQUEST THEREFORE EMBASSY/ISLAMABAD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH CONSULTATION IN ORDER SECURE RUPEES ON TIMELY BASIS.

4. WE WISH TO CONCLUDE COMMODITY AGREEMENT WITH GOA BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST. THEREFORE EMBASSY SHOULD COMPLETE CONSULTATION WITH GOP AND REPORT BACK ON A PRIORITY BASIS. KISSINGER

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